

684.2728



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TOMOHARU HASE) Examiner: Unassigned
Appln. No.: 09/145,982) Group Art Unit: 2871
Filed: September 3, 1998)
For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS) November 24, 1998
AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING :
METHOD)

Surles
#4
1/14/99

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

To comply with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 Form. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

Japanese patent document No. 6-216000 is discussed on page 5 of the subject specification and relates to an aligner.

Applicant requests that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 Form be initialled and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant believes that no fees should be incurred in connection with filing this paper. Nevertheless, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205 should any fees be associated herewith. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for this purpose.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our new address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 33,326

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10112-3801
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200

F511\W169453\SEW\rlc